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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 1651

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Charles W. Hewitt

APPLICATION No.:

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FOR: CONTROL SAMPLES FOR USE AS STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING APOPTOSIS IN A SELECTED

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which began on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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